

Cabinet
24 September 2019

IRVINE, 24 September 2019 - At a Meeting of the Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council at 2.30 p.m.

Present

John Bell, Robert Foster and Alex Gallagher.

In Attendance

L. Friel, Executive Director, F. Walker, Head of Service (People and Transformation), D. Forbes, Senior Manager (Financial Management), and Anne Lyndon, Senior Manager (Procurement) (Finance and Corporate Support); R. McCutcheon, Executive Director, D. Hammond, Head of Service (Interim) (Commercial), and M. Ritchie, Manager (Regeneration) (Place); A. Sutton, Executive Director (Interim) (Communities), and R. Arthur, Head of Service (Interim) (Connected Communities) (Communities); C. Whyte, Head of Service (HSCP Finance and Transformation) (Health and Social Care Partnership); and A. Craig, Senior Manager (Legal Services), B. Tudhope, Manager (Corporate Policy, Performance and Elections) M. Sugden, Communications Officer, E. Gray, A. Little, and D. McCaw, Committee Services Officers (Democratic Services).

Chair

John Bell in the Chair.

Apologies

Joe Cullinane, Louise McPhater and Jim Montgomerie.

1. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting and announced that the Cabinet meeting would be webcast,

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 10 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

2. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 27 August 2019 was confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000

Submitted a report by the Head of Democratic Services on the Council's use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000 (RIPSA).

The Cabinet agreed to note (i) the measures in place to secure compliance with RIPSA; and (ii) the use the Council has made of the Act in the last year.

4. Public Performance Reporting 2018/19

Submitted a report by the Head of Democratic Services on 2018/19 public performance reporting and the draft Annual Public Performance Report 2018/19. The Council's performance indicators were set out at Appendices 1 and 2 and the draft Annual Public Performance Report 2018/19 set out at Appendix 3 to the report.

Members queried the way trends are presented in the Annual Public Performance Report and requested that this be amended in future to better plot the performance trends over recent years.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) note the status of the Council's performance indicators as set out at Appendices 1 and 2 to the report; (b) approve the draft Annual Public Performance Report 2018/19 as set out at Appendix 3 to the report; and (c) note that this report would also be referred to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee for further consideration.

5. Revenue Budget 2019/20: Financial Performance to 31 July 2019

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the financial performance for the Council at 31 July 2019. Budgetary control and financial performance information for Democratic Services, Communities, Finance and Corporate Support and Place was set out at Appendices 1 - 4a of the report; information on other corporate items and miscellaneous items was set out at Appendices 5 and 6; information on the Housing Revenue Account was set out at Appendices 7 and 7a; Virement/Budget Adjustment Requests were set out at Appendix 8; and the HSCP financial monitoring report was set out at Appendix 9.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to the financial performance of the Health and Social Care Partnership, the reason for the current overspend and the plans in place to reduce it.

That Cabinet agreed to (a) note (i) the information and financial projections outlined in the report; and (ii) the current financial projection for the Health and Social Care Partnership at 2.7; and (b) approve the virements detailed in Appendix 8 to the report.

6. Capital Programme Performance to 31 July 2019

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the Capital Investment Programme as at 31 July 2019. The North Ayrshire Council Capital Statement 2019/20 was set out at Appendix 1 and the Housing Revenue Account Capital Statement was set out at Appendix 2 to the report.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to the development of the Community Care facility at Trindlemoss, Irvine

That Cabinet agreed to (a) approve the revisions to budgets outlined in the report; (b) note (i) the General Services and HRA revised budgets at 31 July 2019; and (ii) the forecast expenditure to 31 March 2020; and (c) request that an update on Trindlemoss be provided at a future meeting.

7. VE Day 75 Commemorations

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the UK and Scottish Government's decision to change the date of the May public holiday to mark the 75th anniversary of VE day.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the proposal that Friday 8 May (VE Day) be recognised as a public holiday, and that the May Day (Monday 4 May) be provided as an additional annual leave day for 2020 only.

8. Road Asset Safety Inspections

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the proposed new Road Asset Safety Inspection Policy. The proposed Road Asset Safety Inspection Policy was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to the proposal to increase the response time target for Category 3 defects from 30 days to 60 days and the expected impact this would have on roads in North Ayrshire.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the new Road Asset Safety Inspection Policy as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

9. Community Asset Transfer – Millport Town Hall

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities) on the transfer of ownership of Millport Town Hall and its grounds to the Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation Millport Town Hall.

The Cabinet (a) agreed in principle to the asset transfer of Millport Town Hall and its grounds from the Millport Common Good to the Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, "Millport Town Hall"; and (b) authorised officers to conclude the authority, associated legal and community asset transfer process, subject to (i) the granting of court authority, successful alienation from the Millport Common Good; and (ii) the successful assembly of the full proposed funding package.

10. Award of Dalrymple Court Re-development (Construction of 24 Sheltered Housing Units & 9 Bungalows)

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the tendering exercise for the Dalrymple Court Re-development (Construction of 24 Sheltered Housing Units (SHU) & 9 Bungalows).

The Cabinet agreed to approve the award of the Contract to McTaggart Construction Ltd.

11. Exclusion of the Public

Cabinet resolved in terms of Section 50(A)4 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude from the Meeting the press and the public for the following item of business on the grounds indicated in terms of Paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

12. Lease of Gateway Building, i3, Irvine Enterprise Area

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the lease of Gateway Building, i3, Irvine Enterprise Area.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the recommendation as detailed in the report.

The Meeting ended at 3.05 p.m.